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SUBJ: CONSULTATION ON INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF OECD/DAC COUNTRIES IN ROME MET MARCH 16
AND DISCUSSED AMONG OTHER MATERS DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. GRANQUIST OF
SWEDEN AND SKILES OF UNITED STATES REPORTED ON DISCUSSIONS IN
PARIS. OTHER POINTS OF POLICY INTEREST REAISED WERE AS
FOLLOWS.

2. CHAIRMAN (NETHERLANDS) REPORTED THAT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
PRESIDENT MARAEI, WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH,
AND BESHAI OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT WILL MAKE TOUR OF
OPEC COUNTRIES IN MARCH; KUWAIT, MARCH 18-20; SAUDI ARABIA,
MARCH 20-21; AND THEREAFTER IN ORDER EMIRATES, QATAR AND IRAN.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH WISHES TO REPORT TO OECD/DAC GROUP
ON THIS IN EARLY APRIL (SEE SEPARATE TELEGRAM ON DIFFERING VIEWS
ABOUT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING WITH OECD/DAC COUNTRIES).

3. AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE RAISED QUESTION OF REPRE-
SENTATION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF
IFAD AND EXECUTIVE BOARD. AUSTRALIA BELIEVES APPPOINTMENTS TO
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EXECUTIVE BOARD SHOULD BE STAGGERED: E.G. 2 FOR 3 YEARS, 2 FOR

2 YEARS, AND 2 FOR 1 YEAR, AS IN CASE OF ELECTIONS OF NEW
MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

4. WHEN PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR IFAD
IS HELD, TIME DEPENDING UPON UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S JUDGMENT,
ROME GROUP BELIEVES CONSULTATION AMONG CATEGORY I COUNTRIES WILL
BE REQUIRED, AND IS SUGGESTING TO SECRETARIAT THAT AT LEAST MORN-
ING OF FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE BE LEFT VACANT FOR CONSULTATIONS BY
THREE CATEGORIES OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED.VOLPE

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